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1815-1825/1870's

805-829 S. Charles St. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private and semi-public access.

The rows of two and a half story, two bay wide brick houses at 813-819 S. Charles St. and 821-829 S. Charles St. are among the earliest surviving rows of Federal-style houses built in the Federal Hill area. The houses at 813-819 S. Charles St. are the earliest, having been built between 1815 and 1819 by Andrew Rohr, a butcher who lived at 813 S. Charles St. The houses are noteworthy for being only one room deep, a fact that corresponds to their early date. The larger, two-room deep row at 821-829 S. Charles St. was built in 1818-1820 by John Cator, a local brickmaker. 821-825 S. Charles St. are in close to their original exterior condition but 827-829 S. Charles St. now serves as a local bar and the facade has been drastically altered. To the north of Churchill St., at 805-807 and 809-811 S. Charles St., there are two pairs of three story, two bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, the first floor areas of each having at some point in the past been converted to storefronts. These buildings represent either replacements or enlargements of the original two and a half story houses that were built on this site in the early 1820's by Nelson Wells, a free black who worked in the area as a drayman. Except for the bar at 827-829 S. Charles St. all of the houses in this block are currently unoccupied and awaiting renovation.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

827-829 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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This pair of 2 1/2 story brick, gable roofed houses with a single dormer window apiece, was built at the same time as the other members of this group of 2 1/2 story houses, 821-825 S. Charles St. This pair, however, located on the northeast corner of Charles and Henrietta Streets, has been converted into a neighborhood bar and radically altered in the process. For information on the buildings' original appearance and floor plan, see under 821-825 S. Charles St.

The houses are 2 1/2 stories in height, 12' wide, and extend back on lots 51' deep. There is a two story, three bay addition, constructed in common bond, which runs back along Henrietta St. The main part of the building was originally constructed in Flemish bond, but today there is new brickwork on the first floor level. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with tarpaper. The same two-tiered brick cornice that extends across the facades of 821-825 S. Charles St. continues across the facades of this pair of houses. No chimneys remain.

The fenestration pattern of 827-829 S. Charles St. has been radically altered. Only the second floor window openings retain their original flat stone lintels. The window openings, themselves, have been filled in with concrete blocks, leaving just enough room at the top for modern air conditioners. The first floor has been completely re-faced with new brickwork on both the Charles St. and Henrietta St. facades. This new brickwork has covered over all of the original window and door openings. Today there is a centrally located, modern flush door flanked by two small, high window openings, each filled with an air conditioner which projects into the street. A wide, slightly projecting panel proclaiming the name of the establishment within, wraps around the corner of the facade at store-front cornice level. The entrance is reached by two low modern brick steps.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1819-1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Cator

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 821-825 S. Charles St.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

## APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

## PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

## 1. NAME OF PROPERTY:

Address of property: Street 827-29 S. Charles Street  
 City Baltimore County N/A State Md. Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of historic district in which property is located: Federal Hill

## 2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

Building size: 24' x 51' - 3 story, brick  
photographs attached

## 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

Building is architecturally significant because  
design + construction reflect + conform to Federal Period

Date of construction (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name Grant S. Welsh  
 Street 5913 Grand Banks Rd.  
 City Columbia State Md. Zip Code 21044  
 Telephone Number (during day): Area Code 301-664-8014

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature [Signature] Date 4-4-81

## For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6), ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature [Signature] Date 5-18-81  
 State Historic Preservation Officer

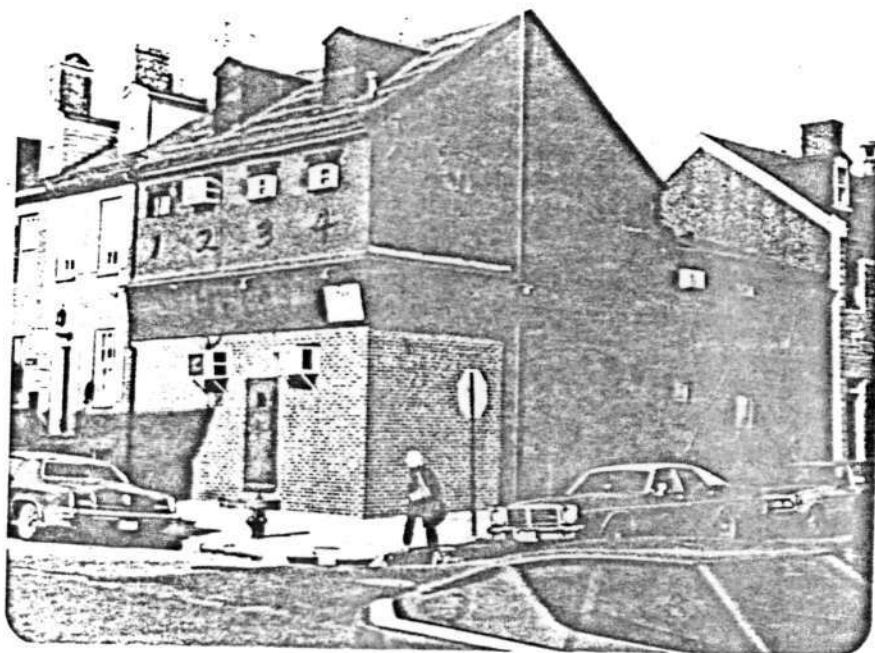
This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure.

☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of the National Register

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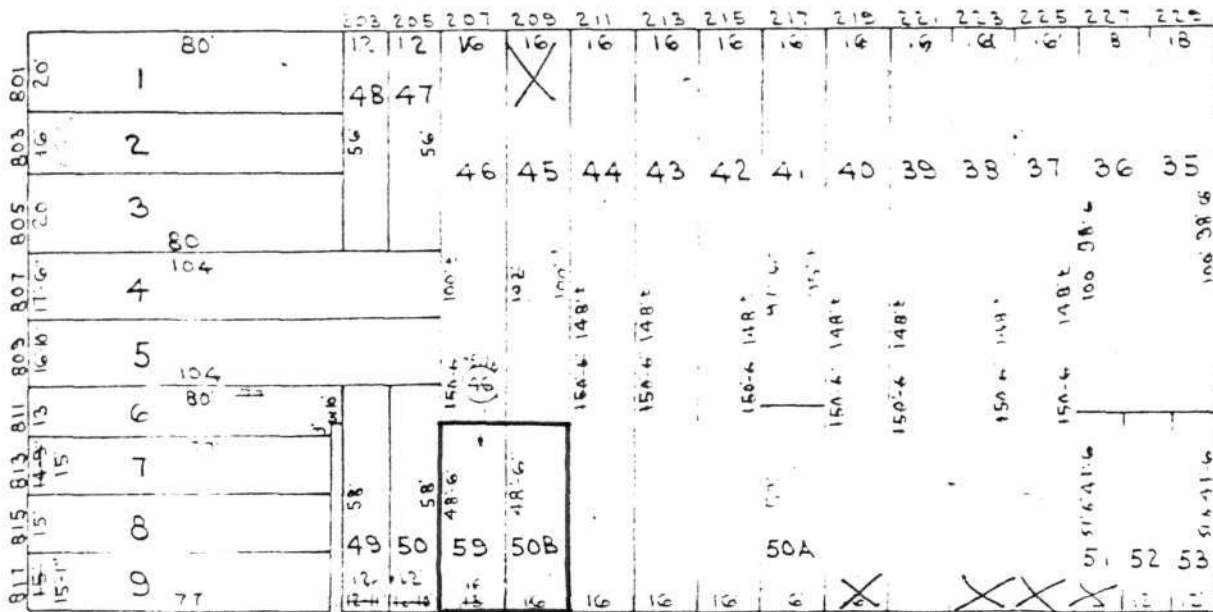




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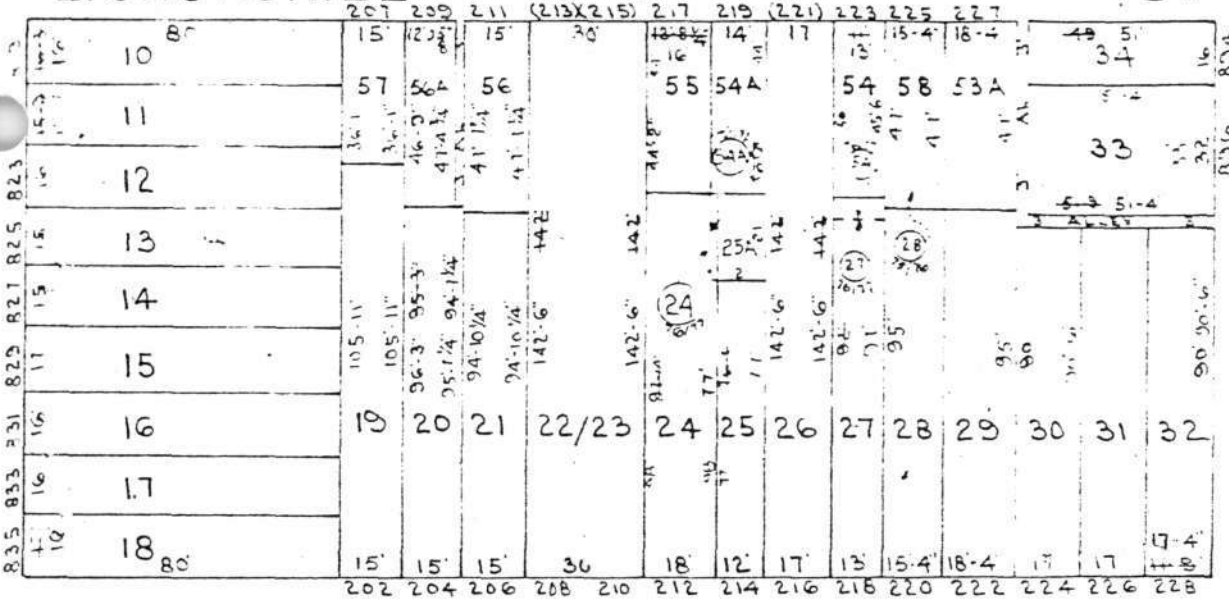
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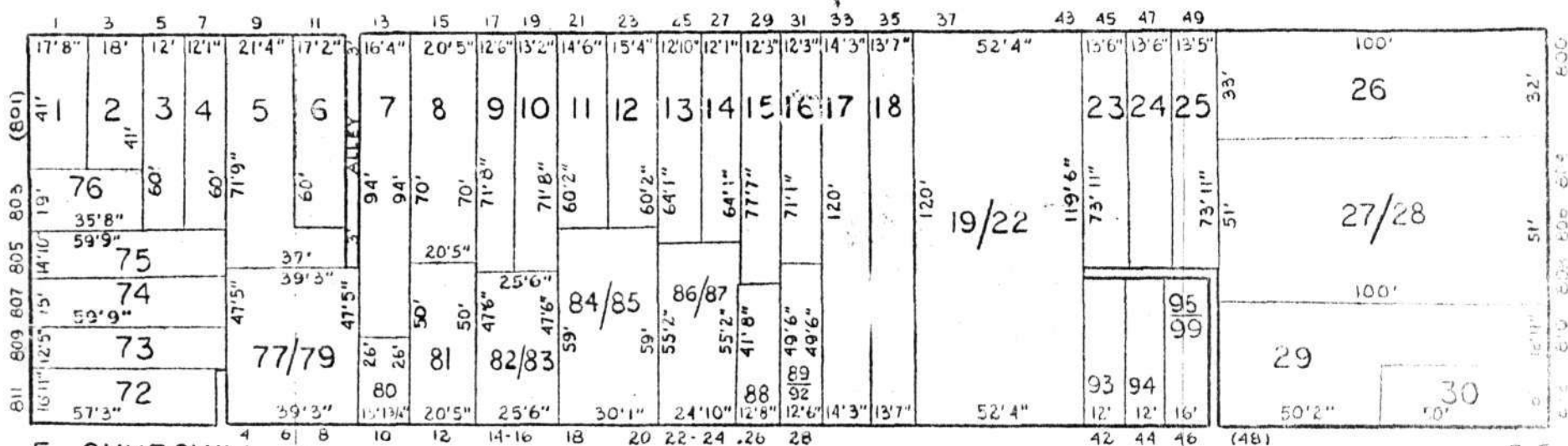
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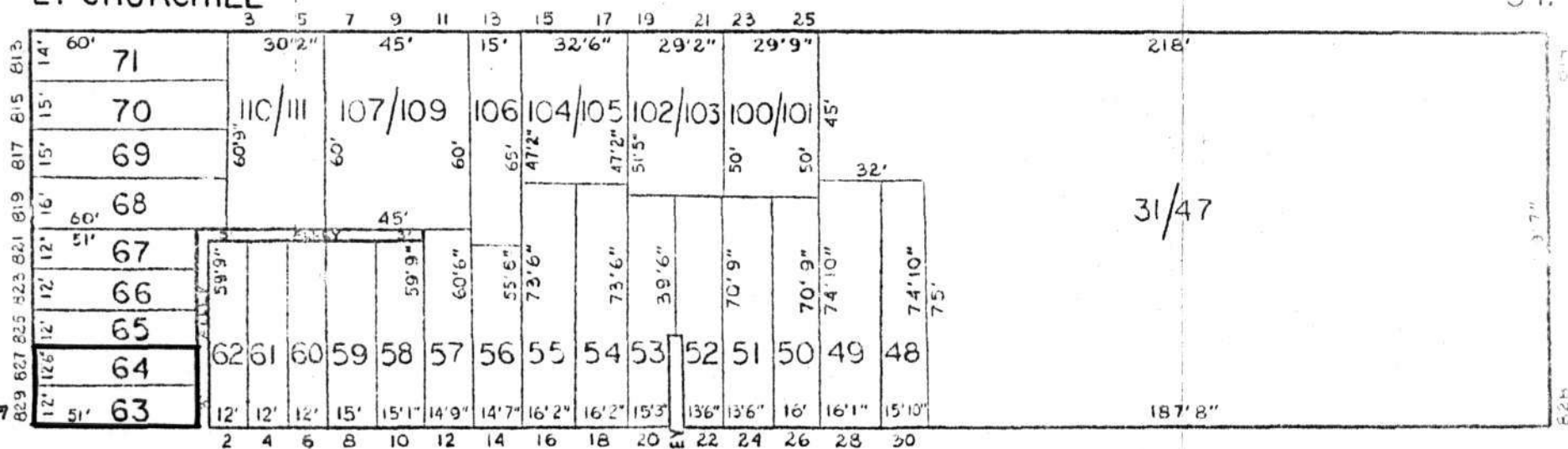


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827-829 S. Charles Street  
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Baltimore City  
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West and south elevations